

**UCLA Report**  
**ALA Annual Meeting 2005**  
**ALCTS Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries Group**  
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Personnel: Two new AULs joined the staff in March: Susan Parker, Deputy UL and CFO and Sarah Watstein, AUL for Research and Instructional Services. After two years of restricted hiring or hiring freezes we have filled or are recruiting for several professional cataloger positions: Arabic Cataloger; Hebrew/Judaica and Humanities/Social Sciences Cataloger; Life Sciences and Social Sciences Cataloger; West European Studies Cataloger; and Serials Cataloger. In two of those cases we appointed cataloging library assistants who just completed their MLS's and who we wanted to retain.

Backlogs: After a successful pilot with the company *CJKat* to test outsourcing cataloging of a backlog of CJK material, we will proceed with a contract to use that company to eliminate a ca. 10,000 volume backlog of vernacular materials that built up during the hiring freeze.

Implementation continues: Configuring our serials records for predictive check-in in Voyager is a major implementation project for 2005/06. We are using one-time funds received from the Chancellor's office in support of system migration to hire three contract fte to carry out the work of the Voyager relinking and predictive pattern checkin assignment project. Around 60,000 records for serial titles are involved. We are proceeding with identifying an authority vendor to process an authority basefile and create a master file and do ongoing authority processing .

Pilots: We are doing a Recall Pilot to test whether it is effective and affordable to rush order copies of circulating titles that faculty place a hold on, rather than recall the item from the borrower. We will launch a Shelf-Ready Pilot for our big social science and humanities YBP approval materials later this summer.

Shared Print Collection: UC Systemwide Library Planning office has established unit cost for individual processing activities in the workflow of adding a single shared print copy of a journal as part of the UC Libraries Collections. This has facilitated a cost-benefit analysis of negotiating for a single print copy for the system when we license electronic access.

Center for Primary Research and Training. With a grant from the Ahmanson Foundation, the Library established this center a year ago to match humanities or social science graduate students with unprocessed collections in the Department of Special Collections. Students get trained in archival processing, get to work with primary resources, get paid, and we get our "hidden collections" processed. It is a win, win situation. In the first year of the program, 29 graduate students from six departments processed (including creating

EAD finding aids and MARC records) 21 collections, or 344 linear ft, or 688 boxes plus 250 architectural drawings, posters, or maps.